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CHESTER STUDENT CRACKS THE BOOKS AT UM LAW SCHOOL

MISSOULA--

A **Chester** student entered The University of Montana School of Law this fall.

Heather Laird was chosen from an applicant pool of 362. She is among 74 entering the class of 2002.

Founded in 1911, UM's law school has drawn national recognition for its effective integration of legal theory and practice into its curriculum. Students apply their book knowledge to hands-on experiences, said law Dean E. Edwin Eck.

"University of Montana students not only study the theory of contract law, corporate law and estate planning law, they also apply their knowledge by drafting contracts, creating corporations and preparing and probating wills," he said.

Students in their third year of study represent clients in one of the school's 16 legal clinics. In addition to their regular studies, some students research and write law review articles and help prepare legislation for the Montana Legislature.

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